GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF AIR SERVICES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is chalking out a plan to expand air services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the proposed destinations to be included in the expansion list?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) and (c): Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieving better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand, commercial viability and subject t o Route Dispersal Guidelines. Compliance with Route Dispersal Guidelines are monitored on a monthly basis. Presently, 72 destinations are covered by scheduled airline services. Indian Airlines has no plans, at present, to add new stations to its existing network due to fleet constraints.